(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) According to the report received from the State Government, no such information has been disclosed by any arrested persons.

Religious places of Assam on terrorists' target

†157. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that religious places in Assam are on the target of terrorists;

(b) if so, whether State Government has also expressed its apprehension in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for the security of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Some inputs indicate that some religious places located in the around Guwahati are on the target of some elements.

(c) Security measure have been beefed up in the religious places, about which inputs are available and general alert has also been issued as regard other religious places located in different parts of Assam. The entire Counter Operations in Assam have been brought under Unified Headquarters structure since 1997. The safety and security of the religious places has been given priority in the Strategy group as well as Operations group deliberations under the Unified Headquarters.

Terrorism in J and K

†158. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir region have decreased during the last two years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of tourists has increased in the last two years; if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the security of those passengers who come to Kashmir for tourism, whether the security measures of Government have proved effective, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been a decrease in terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years. The details are shown below:—

Year	No. of terrorist incidents
2006	1667
2007	1092

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir more than 8.75 lakh tourists visited the State during the last two years.

(c) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps:

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srignagar/Jammu and other tourist places exists, which looks after and protects the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in case of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots roads leading to such places.

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and road leading there.

Loss due to flood in Assam

159. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of standing crops, fisheries etc. and people of Assam affected due to last devastating flood;

(b) whether any relief has been provided to the flood-affected people; if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of houses damaged and total number of houses sanctioned for construction, district-wise;

(d) the number of flood-damaged bridges, roads and schools/college buildings sanctioned for re-construction so far;

(e) the details of steps taken for reconstruction and protection of embankments/dams damaged during the last devastating flood, district-wise;

(f) whether construction of those dams/embankments will be completed before coming rainy season; and

(g) the status of Narayanaguri Bandh on the River Beki in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (g) As per information received from the Government of Assam based on their preliminary assessment, 134 human lives were lost, crops in 485583 ha. were damaged, fish farms over an area of 4794 ha. belonging to 28952 families were damaged, 1679 houses were fully damaged, 324264 houses were partially damaged, 5915 lower Primary schools were fully damaged and 1461 upper primary schools have also been reportedly damaged due to heavy rains/floods during 2007 in the State. It was also reported that 176 semi permanent timber (SPT) bridges, 779 SPT approaches, 41 RCC bridge approaches, 329 culverts, 168 culvert approaches and 01 cross drainage work were damaged during these floods.

As per the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities. The distribution on reflief on the ground is the responsibility